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SUBJECT: TFLE01: CYPRUS SITREP 23 AS OF 1600 LOCAL,
SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2006

REF: A. NICOSIA 1237
[1](#)B. NICOSIA 1233 AND PREVIOUS

Classified By: Ambassador Ronald L. Schlicher, reasons 1.4 B/D

[1](#)1. (C) Summary: Total headcount of U.S.-assisted arrivals in Cyprus as of 1600L July 29 was 13,236. The number of departures remained unchanged at 9,944. Two new charter flights, to replace the flight that was canceled with no notice on July 28, are being scheduled for 0200 and 0740 on July 30; they have a combined capacity of 580.

CONSULAR

[1](#)2. (C) Total headcount of U.S.-assisted arrivals in Cyprus as of 1600L July 29 was 13,236 (actual number arrivals via helicopter on July 27 was 5). The number of departures remained unchanged at 9,944. Two new charter flights are being scheduled for 0200 and 0740 on July 30, with a combined capacity of 580. Post has decided to move all arrivals from the 1700L Orient Queen to the Cyprus International Fairgrounds, bringing the total of those to be sheltered there by 1900L to 797. If the two charter flights indeed depart early July 30, we expect this number to significantly decrease. Consequently, our security-management concerns with regard to the Fairgrounds facility will be reduced, though not eliminated.

SECURITY

[1](#)3. (U) RSO is providing support for the arrival in port of military ships that have been transporting humanitarian aid. They are also helping coordinate, along with marines from CTF-59, social activities for the children staying at the Fairgrounds (sports, music, movies). This is part of our multi-pronged effort to manage the mounting security, rumor-control, and health issues at the Fairgrounds.
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